

Upper Uwchlan Township Emergency Management Planning Commission

**Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 28, 2016
6:30 PM**

I Call to Order

Jamie Goncharoff called the Emergency Management Planning Commission (EMPC) meeting to order at 6:37 PM. The following members were in attendance: Jamie Goncharoff, Scott Nicely, Richard Ruth, Bernie Carroll, Tom Kelly, Byron Nickerson and Chief John DeMarco.

Also in attendance: Kathi McGrath and Tony P. from Chester County Emergency Services.

REORGANIZATION for 2016: Scott Nicely made a motion, seconded by Richard Ruth that those commission members currently on the EMPC remain on the EMPC with the positions previously held: Jamie Goncharoff – Chair and EMC; Scott Nicely-Deputy EMC and Emergency Medical Services Committee Chair; Kathi McGrath-Secretary; Tom Kelly, Richard Ruth-Fire Services Committee Chair, Byron Nickerson-Training Officer, Julie Hearn-Nicely, John DeMarco and Bernie Carroll. Motion Passed.

II Approval of Previous Minutes

Richard Ruth made a motion for the Meeting Draft Minutes to be approved and Bernie Carroll seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

III Fire Services Committee Report

Richard Ruth reported Mike Holmes of Lionville is the new Chief. There were 550 Fire calls last year. Richard reported the new Harris radio system seems to be working well.

IV Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Report

Scott Nicely reported the EMR training will begin March 14, 2016. It's a 60 hour course. Monday and Wednesday, 6-9 PM and a couple of all day Saturdays.

V Training Officer Report

Byron Nickerson went to the ICS/EOC workshop in November. He said it was very beneficial. AWR-330 training is on March 8 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and EM Essentials training 2.0 will be held on February 11, 2016.

VI Chairman/Coordinator Report

Jamie Goncharoff discussed the Limerick Drill and noted the issue we had with the County and receiving emails. Tony P. from the County mentioned overall the drill went well. There were issues with communication and the email list; they will be corrected for the next drill. He said there were 198 total volunteers which assisted with the training. Tony also mentioned with Storm Jonas, the County can join with Berks County and submit a request to be eligible to receive federal funding for the loss due to the substantial snow fall amounts. There will be a conference call to discuss how to proceed gathering the necessary documentation and process to apply for the funding.

Jamie mentioned Cathy Tomlinson possibly filling the opening on the commission this year with Tom Baynard no longer on the commission. Jamie would like Kathi to check on the memberships for TEMA, PEMA and KEMA. Kathi will follow up and ensure he is enrolled. Tony P. said if Upper Uwchlan registers with KEMA as an organization, up to 5 members can join and will have voting rights. Jamie, Scott, Byron, Tom Kelly and Bernie would be the five (5) members to be registered for KEMA.

VII Old Business

Nothing new to report.

VIII New Business

February Training – Jamie asked Tony P to come to our next meeting February 25 and do one (1) hour training on the Emergency Services Code.

Identification Cards – All members will be receiving their new 2016 ID Badges in the next week.

IX Round Table

Nothing to report.

Jamie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and after the motion being made by Byron Nickerson, seconded by Richard Ruth, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

X Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath
EMPC Secretary